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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/SELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006, a reply to which is due January 6, 2007, please consider the following remarks. As the due date falls on a Saturday, this response is deemed timely filed on Monday, January 8, 2007.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.